1. The Commission continues to support research on the impact of climate change on marine resources through its research programmes, previously under Horizon 2020 and now under Cluster 6 of Horizon Europe. Under Horizon 2020, two large projects, ClimeFish and CERES, investigated the impact of climate change on different fish stocks across Europe. Under Horizon Europe, the Mission to ‘Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030’ aims to protect and restore biodiversity under climate change and anthropogenic pressures. Furthermore, a European Partnership for a climate neutral, sustainable and productive Blue Economy is expected to be launched soon. The Commission also launched two studies, financed by the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund, to assess the impacts of climate change on marine resources and the post-harvest sectors, which would subsequently inform fisheries management decisions.

2. By the end of 2022, the Commission will publish a report on the functioning of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP). It will pay specific attention to how the CFP can take climate change into account within the existing policy framework. The findings of several studies will feed into this process, and the report will lay the ground for further reflections on long-term resilience to climate change.

3. The Commission launched studies on climate change because it recognises the effects on marine ecosystems are significant in combination with other environmental stressors. Further research is needed to provide a clearer picture on the range of potential opportunities for the blue economy sectors.